

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Nome****Project Title:**

Nome - Recreation Center Space Reorganization Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$ 500,000**House District: 39 - T**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

remodeling the old western third of the facility and reorganizing it into better utilizable space.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$500,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The citizens of Nome desire to make improvements to their existing multi-purpose recreational center by remodeling an old six-lane bowling alley located within the western third of the facility and reorganizing it into better utilizable space and storage.

Once a place of bustling activity, the bowling alley has seen its usefulness wane dramatically over the past decade as local residents shifted their attention to other recreational outlets. Coupled with the high cost of routine maintenance, upkeep and the staffing a certified pinsetter mechanic has made the space extremely cost prohibitive.

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Expanded awareness of physical health and strong partnerships with local agencies and businesses has allowed the NRC to dramatically expand their inventory of cardio and free weight equipment. With heavy traffic and the extra equipment constantly keep the existing weight room filled to capacity.

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The proposed plan will provide space for displaced users of the multi-purpose room. Currently the site for all the NRC's regular personal fitness programming, the multi-purpose room experiences a wide range of use from aerobics, yoga, tae kwon do, kickboxing, power flex, tae bo, belly dancing and Summercise, Nome's expansive summer youth program.

The proposed reorganization would involve removing the antiquated lanes, pin setters, approach areas and counter tops. With the entire bowling infrastructure removed, a proposed studio/conference room will be installed to accommodate all of the NRC's fitness programs and storage needs. The conference room would have an operable partition down the center to create two smaller rooms and a raised platform at one end. The two rooms would also function as satellite class room space during times when the facility hosts larger regional conferences.

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Project Timeline:

July 2008 through June 2009

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Nome

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Denise Michels

Phone Number: 907-443-6600

Address: P.O. Box 281 Nome, AK 99762

Email: mayor@ci.nome.ak.us

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



Nome Recreation Center Space Reorganization Upgrades

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CITY OF NOME

Celebrating 100 Years of Gold Rush History

Incorporated April 9, 1901

January 17, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin, Governor
The Honorable Lyda Green, Senate President
The Honorable John Harris, Speaker of the House

Subject: 2008 State Legislative Priorities for the City of Nome, Alaska

Dear Fellow Alaskans:

The City of Nome is pleased to provide you with its 2008 State Legislative Priorities. The Nome Common Council conducted meetings with Citizens, Boards and Commissions and adopted resolutions endorsing the capital projects and position statements for inclusion in this session's Legislative Priorities package.

We find ourselves with the strong will to continue investing in our community. Nome desires to improve our economic base and to pursue and develop long-range projects that will provide stable employment for our Citizens. Nome's aggressive approach to move forward is evidenced by seeking projects that will improve the quality of life for the Citizens of Nome, our welcomed visitors and for the surrounding villages, who view Nome as the center for many of their needs.

We work closely with our local partners to diversify and strengthen our economy. We do seek State assistance to help us meet the demands and needs of our citizens.

We seek the State of Alaska's assistance and support for Capital Projects and Legislative Positions contained within this document. The City has prioritized the following capital projects for consideration:

1. Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements; and
2. Public Safety Building.

The City has identified other issues of importance to the community meriting state consideration:

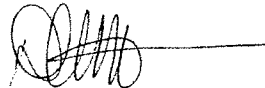
- A. Nome Recreation Center Upgrades;
- B. Nome School Capital Improvements;
- C. NJUS Power Generation Issues;
- D. Nome Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Truck;
- E. Museum Design – Historic Preservation and Tourism Development;

- F. Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center;
- G. Consortium Library with the University of Alaska;
- H. Pioneer/Veterans Home in Northwest Alaska;
- I. State Fiscal Issues; and
- J. Support of Transportation Infrastructure Funding Planning.

We will actively promote State assistance for these items through our lobbyist, Ms. Wendy Chamberlain. She will be able to assist you on these projects and can describe our need and interest for the projects included within the Legislative Priorities. The City's staff and I are available and eager to provide additional information to you and your staff. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 443-6610 or Mr. Donald Moore, City Manager at 443-6600.

We thank you for your continuous support and consideration of our 2008 Legislative Priorities.

Sincerely,
CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denise Michels', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

DENISE MICHELS
MAYOR



Presented by:
Mayor
Action Taken:
Yes 5 No 0
Abstain 0

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-07-12-04A

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING PROJECTS AND POSITION STATEMENTS
FOR THE CITY OF NOME 2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, a public hearing and joint work session of the Nome City Council, Nome Joint Utility Board, Nome School District Board, Nome Planning Commission, and Nome Port Commission was held in Nome, Alaska on Thursday, December 6, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, it is with unanimity that the following prioritized projects are considered worthy of advocacy to State of Alaska legislative and administrative leaders:

Priority #1- Water and Sewer infrastructure Improvements;

Priority #2 - Public Safety Building; and,

WHEREAS, it is with unanimity the following Community Infrastructure items are considered worthy of advocacy to State of Alaska legislative and administrative leaders:

Nome Recreation Center Upgrades;
- Space Reorganization/Remodel
- Skating Facility

Nome School Capital Improvements;
- Nome Elementary School Hot Water Boiler System Replacement
- CIP (FY09) Nome Building D & E Roof Replacement
- Nome Elementary School Gym Floor Replacement

NJUS Power Generation Issues;
- Fuel Line Relocation
- Protection/Relocation of Electrical Distribution Facilities in Flood Prone

Areas

- Power Plant Construction Completion
- Utility System Security & Surveillance
- Develop Alternative Energy Production Sources
- Study Alternate Power and Fuel Source

Nome Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Truck;

Museum Design -Historic Preservation and Tourism Development;

Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center;

Consortium Library with the University of Alaska;

Pioneer/Veterans Home in Northwest Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, it is with unanimity that the following legislative position statements are supported by the City of Nome and considered worthy of advocacy to State of Alaska legislative and administrative leaders:

State Fiscal Issues;

- Support for Restoration of Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Support for PERS/TERS Liability Funding and Establishment of a Program to Insure a Sustainable Retirement System
- Department of Transportation Planning;
- Long Range Community/ Infrastructure Development Nome Airport

Master Plan

- Support of Transportation Infrastructure Funding


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome City Council endorses the aforementioned items for inclusion in the City of Nome 2008 State of Alaska Legislative Priorities Package.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 9th day of January, 2008.



Stan Andersen, Presiding Councilman

ATTEST:


SANDY STURGIS-BABCOCK, City Clerk/Treasurer